

I am very involved with St. Louis County's Emergency Management, working with the Sheriff's Dept. and Health Dept. on Bio-terroism, working with fifteen hospitals for back-up communications and northern MN forest fire situation. We have 25 member E.O.C team that may need to go anywhere in the 7,000 sq. mi. county, one of the largest east of the Mississippi River. With the new radio regulations that were enacted at WRC-03, I urge the FCC to act rapidly to eliminate morse testing, too further enhance St. Louis Co's communication plan, it would allow more technician class operators to apply at Emergency Management. Thank You very much.